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Sir:

This is a

☐ Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);
☐ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114
(prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));
☒ Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR
§1.53(b);
☐ Divisional Application (parent being abandoned) under 37 CFR
§1.53(d);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/913,644, filed August 17, 2001

for [Title as filed]: THIN FILM EL DEVICE

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Tetsuya SATOU, Mikiko MATSUO, Hisanori SUGIURA, Hitoshi HISADA, Ryuichi SHINGAE, and Yoshinobu MURAKAMI

1. ☒ A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.

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2. [] Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

3. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

| CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR \$1.116 NOTED BELOW | | | | Basic Fee |
|---|----|-------|------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | \$770.00 |
| Total claims | 35 | -20 = | 15x \$18.00 (* 9.00) = | 270.00 |
| Independent claims | 13 | - 3 = | 10x \$86.00 (*43.00) = | 860.00 |
| Total Filing Fee..... | | | | = \$1,900.00 |

4. [X] A check in the amount of \$1,900.00 is enclosed (Ck# 17114).
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WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
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5. [] Cancel in this application claims of the prior application before
calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is
retained for filing purposes.

6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the
sentence:
--This is a [X] Continuation [] Division of application Serial No.
09/913,644 filed August 17, 2001.--

7. [] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR
\$1.116 with any attachments filed on in this application which was
not entered therein.

8. [X] Priority of foreign application(s) Nos.H11-360247 filed December
20, 1999 and 2000-162031 filed May 31, 2000 in Japan is claimed
under 35 U.S.C. \$119.

[X] The certified copies were filed in PCT/JP00/09064.
on

[] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is
filed herewith.

9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC
INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 012261, Frame 0271.

10. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
- [X] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - [] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - [X] c. Address all future communications to

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11. [X] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed.
12. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.
13. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
14. [X] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

Respectfully submitted,

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